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SUBJECT: FINANCE: ANNUAL IBRD/IMF MEETING

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1. DURING SEPTEMBER 10 COURTESY CALL BY NEW ECONOFF
ON SYRIAN CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR NASSOUH DAKKAK, LAT-
TER SAID FOLLOWING SARG DELEGATION WOULD ATTEND ANNUAL
MEETINGS BOARDS OF GOVERNORS IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER
30 TO OCTOBER 4:

DR. MOHAMAD IMADI, MINISTER OF ECONOMICS, HEAD OF
DELEGATION.

NASSOUH DAKKAK, GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK, ALTER-
NATE HEAD; PREFERS FRENCH AND ARABIC; WIFE TO ACCOMPANY.

DR. ABDULHADI NAHLAWI, DEPUTY MINISTER, MINISTRY
OF FINANCE.

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DR. MOHAMAD AL-ATRASH, DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE

CENTRAL BANK.

2. DAKKAK AND PERHAPS OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION
PLAN THREE-DAY NEW YORK STOPOVER AFTER WASHINGTON
MEETINGS AND THEN RETURN TO DAMASCUS.

3. DAKKAK DID NOT INDICATE HE WOULD BE REQUESTING
ANY BILATERAL MEETINGS, NOR WOULD HE BE DRAWN OUT ON
ANY ISSUES SARG MIGHT RAISE IN PLANARY, TAKE UP WITH
IMF/IBRD OFFICIALS, OR RAISE WITH USG OFFICIALS.
ECONOFF REVIEWED FOR DAKKAK PERSONNEL CHANGES IN
TREASURY AND STATE AND OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNOR,
WHO POLITELY REPLIED SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE
NEEDED, NOTING HE HAD MANY FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON.
(WE BELIEVE HE HAS BEEN TO TWO OR THREE PREVIOUS
IBRD/IMF MEETINGS.) DAKKAK DID EXPRESS GENERAL CON-
CERN FOR WORLD MONETARY SITUATION AND NEED FOR STRONG
DOLLAR.

4. DURING SUBSEQUENT INITIAL CALLS, EMBASSY WILL
ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON SYRIAN
ATTITUDES TOWARD IBRD/IMF MEETINGS.

5. RECOMMEND NEA/ARN AND USUN ASK SYRIANS FOR MORE
EXACT SCHEDULE OF SARG DELEGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER
CONTACTS WITH NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON BANKING
COMMUNITY MIGHT BE ARRANGED.
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